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In re Application of
Debra Sue Caswell et al
Application No. 09/838,867
Filed: April 20, 2001
Attorney Docket No. 8079M

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed October 29, 2002, to revive the above-identified application.


The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (Notice) mailed June 14, 2001. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on August 14, 2001.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Accordingly, since the \$1,440.00 extension of time submitted with the petition on October 29, 2002 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Wan Laymon at (703) 305-9282.

The application file is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination.


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